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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO MURDER OF ORLANDO MARTINEZ

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1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS OFFERED HIS CONDOLENCES TO E1 NACIONAL EDITOR RAFAEL MOLINA MORILLO AND HAS ESTABLISHED A \$50 THOUSAND REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO CLARIFICATION OF MURDER OF ORLANDO MARTINEZ, E1NACIONAL COLUMNIST AND EDITOR OF WEEKLY AHORA. DESCRIBING HIMSELF AN ASSISDUOUS READER OF MARTINEZ' COLUMN, PRESIDENT DEPLORED "HORRENDOUS" ACT AGAINST "ONE OF THE MOST VALIANT, RESPONSIBLE AND NOBLE PENS OF THE DOMINICAN PRESS." HE NAMED A THREE-MAN POLICE INVESTIGATING TEAM AND PLEDGED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY THE FACTS.

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN FULL OF EULOGIES FOR MARTINEZ. ONE OF SEVERAL GRAVESIDE ORATIONS WAS DELIVERED BY SECGEN OF PARTIDO COMUNISTA DOMINICANO WHO ATTRIBUTED CAUSE OF MURDER
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TO MARTINEZ' ATTACKS ON "CENTERS OF CURRUPTION" INCLUDING

GULF & WESTERN, ROSARIO MINING, FALCONBRIDGE, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE CIA AND THE GOVERNMENT. LOCAL PRESS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO STATEMENT OF INTERAMERICAN PRESS SOCIETY (SIP) MEETING IN SAN SALVADOR WHICH EXPRESSED ITS "CONSTERNATION AND INDIGNATION" AND ASKED PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO USE ALL MEANS TO IDENTIFY MURDERERS. (E1 CARIBE EDITOR GERMAN ORNES IS PRESIDENT OF SIP COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.)

3. PRESS IS GENERALLY FREE OF SPECULATION ON IDENTITY OF MURDERERS BUT RUMORS PERSIST THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, JUAN BOSCH'S PARTIDO DE LA LIBERACION DOMINICANA OR ANY OF THE RIGHT WING ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO LANDED INTERESTS. TODAY'S AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS, WITHOUT DETAILS, THAT POLICE ARE FOLLOWING LEADS AND HAVE ARRESTED FOUR SUSPECTS.
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